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DEVICES AND TECHNIQUES

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2006, the period of response for which runs through November 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.